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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos 3

Part B for October 1933

SUBJECT

Draining of the Dodkere tank in Mysore City

Sl 2 To Director of Health
Presdt, City Mcl Cl Mysore
Comptroller
Chief Engineer -
Ge no & 15-18 Dated Camp, Mysore
Approves of the proposal for the — —

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General and Revenue
Secretariat

Subject -

Proposal from the Director of Health suggesting the draining of the Doddakere tank at Mysore

Circulated to Members of Council for perusal of His Highness orders before/after issue of orders (*Vide Rules* 31 33 d 34 of th S b d y R l f th d ct f busn s of C l in the M u l f C u I R l s d Pr ced e)

R Rangachar

Chief Secretary to Government

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FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL

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SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

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pm 25/9 Please put up a Report explaining quite briefly the circumstances leading upto the present proposal

NOTE —C t he t

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of
His Highness the Maharaja

Subject

Proposal from the Director of Health suggesting the draining of the Doddakere tank at Mysore

3) The Personal Assistant to Dewan to take action to draw up tank after perusal of the Excellency the Viceroy's Lady Willingdon's letter

23-9-33

C Secy

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RJ
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Order

KRW
21/9/33

Submitted to His Highness

I submit herewith, for the gracious perusal of His Highness, letter dated 16th instant, with its enclosures, from the Director of Health suggesting the draining of Doddakere at Mysore The Director has adduced reasons for the proposal I shall only add that I too am strongly in favour of the proposal for I feel that so long as this large sheet of water is allowed to stand in the heart of the City, there is really no hope of improving public health I beg, therefore, to submit the Director's proposal for the approval of His Highness

Mirza M Ismail

DEWAN

Mysore,
19th September 1933

Drawing L 1507 Door here known as Legg

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10) Submitted with a draft GO for approval Regulation 53 has been sent to Hdqrs for previous reference 3099

11 Please put up tomorrow with the reference yang-

12) The connected files nil 91-31/33 1 Vol 3079 also 2, 4, 5 on the subject are put up

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13) The draft GO may be fair copied as revised stm 2/10

14 Fair copy give draft GO as revised & put up 2/10/33

1, 2 for approval

A para added in the draft regarding the preparation of an estimate for the work for the sanction of Govt The retention of this is proper

Chief Secy) stm 2/10

16) Issue the GO as revised & send the a d o other copy of the drawing file after the Viceroy

17) Issued returned stm 4/10

Issued no L 15-10 of 4/10/33 to Director of Health Present cds mld missing, complete Chief Engr Sanction the proposal give Director of Health

Resubmitted with draft, after issue as directed

Chief Secy) stm 5/12

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Issued work 21 of 6/1933 Zoos & Kesavan Esqr
States that the drawing may be sent off here
after the Executive work to meeting in Dec next

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[illegible]MENT OF HEALTH

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D O No C 631 '33

Encl three

GRACE VILLE PALACE ROAD

Bangalore (South India) dated September 16, 1933

Dear Mr Singaram,

In March last year I had addressed a letter to the Huzur Secretary in regard to the Doddakere Tank in Mysore I enclose for perusal copy of the same I believe I have made out a good case for the complete draining of the Tank

2 pp four Very recently I had occasion to see the tank It was full and overflowing The water was green and evil smelling This is not a new condition but occurs every time there is a heavy rainfall

The oftener I see the tank, the more does my conviction that its existence is a nuisance and also a menace to Public Health of Mysore

I therefore again plead for its complete draining off I visualise the day when in the place of the present offensive sheet of water there would be substituted an extensive stretch of lawn studded with multicoloured flower beds with a couple of bathing pools filled with Cauvery water, conditions which apart from aptly fitting in with the picturesque and stately surroundings would also make for better health I am so obsessed with the pleasurable change that would accrue with the complete drying up of the tank that I cannot help pleading again for its draining off.

I need hardly recall here the conditions of the area where the present pretty and refreshing Lashad Bag stands I may recall the condition of the north eastern arm of the Doddakere tank must have undergone such a metamorphic change that the present generation hardly realises their part in its history or its [illegible] I [illegible]

the future generation will appreciate the suggested change in the Doubare Tunk bed

May I request you to submit the above to the Dewan

Yours sincerely,

M Singaravelu Mudaliar, Esq ,B A ,B L ,
Private Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore

D C Lett r o C 431-10 d ted 14th M rch 1903 from t e Director of He lt in M ore, B ngalore, to t e Huzur Secr t ry, to His Highness the Maharaj of M ore, Mysore

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ith a vi to see whether the Doudakere ater, Mysore, is at all fit for drinking and domestic purposes, I have had it r cently subjected to examination - physical, biological Chemic l and bacteriological I send enc o ed for favour of perusal a state ent showing t e Do dakere ater in comp rison with samples of good and bad water Pictures of lo l animal and vegeta le life found un er the microscope are al o enclosed It will be seen that the Do dakere ater approximates sewage effluent It s ows evider e of both recent and remote co t mination, animal nd veget ble The anal sis is not co plete But it s enou to in i ate th t th ater is highly impure

This s as should be ex ected For, as you know one of t main f-eders of the tank is t e big storm water dr in, draining L sker and Mandy o allas This drain is grossly fouled along its e ti e length by m rdbeast After a shower the accumul ted miscellaneous filth in it is was ed into t ta k

T e bank of the tank particularly alo g sout Ittiegud is an exte si e op n air pu lic l trine

The dhobies resort to the tan for was ing clot e , so e of which are soiled with normal nd a good few with p t olo ic l disc ar s from human bodies

Anim ls including elep nts are washed in t tank

Men and wom n freely re ort to t e tank for the orning ablutions, bathing and for washing clot es

o relig ously minded people fre ent it for pr er and worship according to their faiths nd incid ntally take in so e water also

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ound from the analyses, nature is not able to cope with the increasing flow of contamination into the tank.

Although it is not possible to furnish statistical data to incriminate the tank of its responsibility in spreading public cholera, dysentery, typhoid, intestinal worms, diarrhoea etc., there is the ever present possibility of its doing so, in view of the multifarious ways in which it is contaminated.

The tank is harmful in that it makes parts of Halebeedu and Chennur Extension damp. The tank also maintains the level of the sub soil water in the gardens below, where, pits, hollows and other water collections, make excellent potential breeding places for mosquitoes.

The tank breeds in certain seasons enormous brood of gnats, constituting a nuisance to the residents of Ittigegud and to people taking pleasure drives and walks along the bund.

From the above it will be gathered that from all points of view except perhaps the aesthetic, the tank is a menace to the health of the city. No doubt it constitutes a feature but the disadvantages from its existence more than outweigh its aesthetic value. Granted sufficient funds are available it is possible to effect improvement and protect the tank, as will help to retain it and prevent its being a danger to health. Such schemes at the cheapest are costly. The real abiding factor of man and animals contaminating these tanks.

Amongst the schemes proposed, I may perhaps refer to the latest one of periodically filling up the tank with water from Krishnarajasagara. This is open to serious objection apart from cost both initial and recurring. For if anything it will but aggravate worse. Aside from the question of malaria additional facilities for the spread of water borne diseases would have been created. From the Public Health point of view it therefore cannot be commended.

The present generation will be expected to leave to the coming generation a legacy which would be appreciated as making for better health. Supposing the tank is completely drained and converted into well laid out park with features and facilities like bathing ponds, play ground, lawns and orchards etc., not only will a source of danger have been completely removed but in its place will be substituted something which will add for convenience, comfort and health of the present and the future generation of people.

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Director of Health

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SUBJECT

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

Date of issue 193

Signed by

Read— Letter no C 431-13 dated 16/9/33 from the Director of Health Mysore, suggesting the desirability of draining of Dodda Kere tank at Mysore and requesting sanction for the same

May this be— and converting it into a park as it is a source of danger to public health at the cot

(i) printed ?

(ii) treated as a standing order ?

(iii) published in the Gazette English Part ?

(iv) translated ?

(v) placed at the disposal of the press ?

(vi) published in the Gazette Kannada Part ?

Order thereon —No The Director of Mysore is approved

2) The Government, City Improvements Mysore is requested to have the tank drained and conversion into a park after the visit of their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Willingdon to Mysore in December 1933

(3) An estimate may be got prepared for draining the tank & converting it into a park in consultation with the Dir of Health & Chief Engineer Mysore and the sanction of Govt also with ~~information~~ as to the source from which Chief Engineer Mysore the water to be met for

To the Director of Health in Mysore

Improvement City Improvement Mysore

The Executive Engineer City Improvement Mysore

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Date of issue 4 — 10 — 1933

Signed by Mr A S Rao

May this be—

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(ii) treated as a standing order ?

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(iv) translated ?

(v) placed at the disposal of the press ?

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Serial No 2

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

Read—

Letter no C 431-13 dated 16/9/33 from the Director of Health in Mysore, Suggesting the desirability of draining the Doddakere tank at Mysore and converting it into a park ~~Order thereon—No~~ as it is now a source of danger to public health in the city

Order L 15-18

The Director's proposal is approved

2) The President, City and Mysore, is requested

to have the tank drained
after the Visit of Their
Excellencies the Viceroy and
Lady Willingdon to Mysore
in Dec 1937

Let this go
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3) An estimate may
be got prepared for draining
the tank and converting
it into a park in Consultation
with the Directors of health
and Submitted for the
Sanction of Govt along
with information as to
the Source from which
the cost is to be met

Plan & estd
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Yes
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To The Director of Health in Mysore
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The President city mun Mysore
The Comptroller to Govt
~~The Chief Engineer~~

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THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

Read –

Letter No.C.431-13 dated 16th September 1933 from the Director of Health in Mysore, suggesting the desirability of draining the Doddakere tank at Mysore and converting it into a park, as it is now a source of danger to public health in the city.

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Order No. L 15-18/ME 136-33-2

Bangalore, dated the 4th October 1933.

The Director's proposal is approved.

2 The President, City Municipal Council, Mysore, is requested to have the tank drained.

3. An estimate may be got prepared for draining the tank and converting it into a park in consultation with the Director of Health and submitted for the sanction of Government along with information as to the source from which the cost is to be met.

Asubba Rao
For Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Director of Health in Mysore.
The President, City Municipal Council, Mysore.
The Comptroller to Government.
The Chief Engineer in Mysore.

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File No 136-33
Serial No 3

Diary No of letter replied to L1507

No L21 & 6-10-33

To
Dear Sir

In continuation of Go no- L 15-10 cont dt 4 Oct 33 conveying sanction to the proposal of the Director of Health regarding the drawing of the Dresidency Surgeon at Mysore, I am desired to state that the drawing & disbursement may be put off till after the Viceregal visit in December next

Yours faithful
RB
SRo

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 6-10-33

Signed by Mr D S Rao

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